

## **Brunswick Preservation and Revitalization Committee**

**Meeting Notes - April 29, 2019**

**6:00PM - 7:00PM, Brunswick City Hall**

**Attending:** Kelly White, Brian Keller, Abbie Ricketts, Alan Miner, Nathan Brown, Kimberly Golden Brandt

**Guests:** Anthony Owens, Wes White, Elsa Haarstad

### **Question and Answer with Anthony Owens, owner of Anthony Owens Remodeling and Repair**

The group met with Anthony Owens to talk about the realities of implementing a preservation program. Anthony is a contractor who works on historic properties in the City of Frederick. He is intimately familiar the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and working with historic preservation commissions. He is also the artist of the Brunswick mural across from the City Hall. Anthony was very enthusiastic about Brunswick creating a preservation program.

Items discussed:

1. There is precedent to "grandfather-in" non-compliant properties when creating programs.
2. The City of Frederick has ample documentation (including photographs of all buildings in historic districts) to reference when making decisions.
3. The expense associated with wood windows has been an issue for some property owners in the City of Frederick's historic district.
4. In order to establish a legitimate and well-received program, Brunswick needs to begin researching and documenting properties in the Historic District to determine what needs protecting.
5. There was talk and interest in compiling a list of vendors and contractors that are versed in historic properties. Some municipalities have specific preservation contractor training programs.
6. "Brunswick is what it is. It is simple and basic, but that doesn't make it any less important. People live here, and that makes it important." – words from Anthony discussing why Brunswick should implement a preservation program

### **Committee Presentation to the Mayor and Council**

The committee discussed the presentation to the Mayor and Council. The presentation went well; the Mayor and Council support the committee continuing its work as described.

### **Other Items**

1. Finance Committee increased the proposed budget allocation for resurveying the Historic District.
2. Preservation Maryland was awarded \$10,000 via the Heritage Fund to hire a consultant to develop potential boundaries for a conservation district and design guidelines for the committee's consideration. David Taylor, the consultant selected to do this work, will attend the committee's next meeting.
3. **ACTION ITEM: The committee would like for the information included in the Financial Resources document to be posted on the City's website with the addition of a few other resources that Abbie will send to Kelly.**